

DECEMBER NEW WINES PEP STUDY

You must know that marriage goes beyond sex, it goes beyond somebody doing household chores, and it goes beyond having children, although children are part of it because God is looking for a holy seed. But the “why” of God for marriage is beyond all that. I will highlight four “whys” of God for marriage in this section.

#1: To Take a Man to His Peak

There is a “why” of God for marriage. In reference to the book *The Laws of Marriage*, the first thing that my husband and spiritual father, Rev. Olusola Areogun, mentioned in the book is that marriage is designed to take a man to his peak. You can’t reach your peak alone; you can’t be all that you are supposed to be alone. The Maker of heaven and earth said, “It is not good that man should be alone, I will make an help that is meet.” He didn’t say, “I will give you a helpmate, flatmate, classmate, or bedmate.” It is not M–A–T–E; it is M–E–E–T, which means suitable or fit for the man. That is what God said He would give the man because he can’t make it alone.

Even when it came to the time to create man, God the Father, the Creator of heaven and earth, said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.” Even Jesus, when He came to the earth, didn’t run His ministry alone; He went to the river to be baptised by John the Baptist, the heavens opened, and the Holy Ghost came upon Him. So when a man threatens his wife that he can do without her, it is a lie because he cannot do without her. If a man says, “I was better off before I married,” it is a lie because he is not better off. Such a man should settle down and find out how to make things work.

Marriage is designed to take a man to the peak. God is the Rewarder, and there are many wives that only God can reward because their labour over the family is known to God. Most of the time, the wife’s labour cannot be quantified or spelt out, but there is no man that has become what he has become without the healthy contribution of his wife. Anywhere you see good things happening, a woman is laying her life down somewhere; likewise, bad things.

Don’t discourage your spouse; don’t weaken their zeal in your life with wrong words like, “Are you the only man or woman in town?” For a man, the wife is the only woman in his life if he means to make heaven; that is how important she is. And it is also wrong for the woman to say to her husband, “Are you the only man around?” because he is the only

man around if she will ever be all that God wants her to be. Every married person should settle down, appreciate that woman, appreciate that man, and begin to acknowledge the good in them that God has placed to come into their life.

#2: To Eliminate Weakness

The number two “why” of God for marriage is to eliminate weakness such that the two of you become a bundle of strength. Every human being, by reason of Adam’s fall, has a donation of both weaknesses and strengths. Adam’s donation brought weaknesses, but divine donation brings us strength to cover up for the weaknesses. I have seen the wonders of God in how He matches two people such that the husband is strong where the wife is weak and the wife is strong where the husband is weak so that they cover up for each other. And when people look at them, all they see is strength, not weakness.

Husbands and wives must learn how to cover up for each other – cover your spouse’s weakness so that it is only strength that shows. I have seen couples where the husbands are not nice people to relate with, even to their own siblings when they visit, but have wives who are very nice and accommodating. When the men’s siblings come to visit the family and the husbands shout at their sisters, and the sisters begin melting already, trying to explain that it was their mothers who asked them to come and check on them, the wives step in, take the sisters’ bags into the visitors’ rooms, give them food, and take care of them. Those are good wives, and that is how a man-and-woman combination is supposed to be.

When I see a couple and both spouses are weak in the same area, I know that the devil has got them.

The wisdom of the Ancient of Days always matches strength in one partner to cover up for the weakness in the other.

Carry out a weakness and strength assessment test of yourself and your spouse, and make up your mind to maximise the benefit of your union.